

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PARKING ON PUBLIC
HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON

SECTION I. On and after the effective date of this ordinance no person shall park any vehicle on any public highway within the Town of Ellington between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m. or during and after any period of snowfall or ice condition while said highways are hazardous to traffic.

SECTION II. The parking of vehicles in places and at times when and where parking is prohibited is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

The First Selectmen is hereby authorized to create a vehicle pound, or pounds, to which automobiles and other vehicles may be removed by a police officer or constable, or under the direction of a police officer or constable, in the manner hereinafter provided. Such pound, or pounds, shall be such storage garage or garages, or such other appropriate places as may be designated by the First Selectman. Before any such garage or place shall be authorized to be a vehicle pound as provided herein, such garage or designated place of storage shall furnish to the First Selectman satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage to protect the Town of Ellington from any claims for damages arising from the towing of any impounded vehicle.

Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in a place where parking is not permitted, such vehicle may be removed and conveyed by, or under the direction of, a police officer or constable designated by the First Selectman by means of towing the same, or otherwise, to a vehicle pound. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from such vehicle pound, he shall furnish to the First Selectman or such other police officer or constable as he shall designate, evidence of his identity, ownership or right of possession, and shall sign a receipt for the same, and he shall pay the costs of removal but not exceeding the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars, plus the cost of storage, not exceeding one (\$1.00) dollar for each day, or portion of a day, said vehicle is stored in the vehicle pound, or excess of the first 24 hours said vehicle is impounded, and shall pay an additional sum of three (\$3.00) dollars for said illegal parking.

The owner of any impounded vehicle shall be duly informed as to the nature and circumstances of the violation on account of which such vehicle has been impounded. In case protest is made against the payment of any towing or storage fees, the person in charge of said pound shall mark upon the receipt evidencing payment of the towing and storage fees the words "paid under protest". In such case it shall thereupon be the duty of the First Selectman or police officer or constable designated by him having knowledge of the facts to forthwith institute the proper proceedings in the Circuit Court, charging the owner or driver of such vehicle with that violation of the ordinance or traffic regulations on account of which the vehicle was impounded. In the event of the owner or driver of said vehicle is found not guilty of the offense charged he shall be reimbursed the sum so paid under protest, by the Town of Ellington.

It shall be the duty of the First Selectman or police officer or constable, as he shall designate, to keep a record of the names of all owners of vehicles impounded, the numbers of their state license plates, the place where such vehicle was impounded, the nature and circumstances of each violation(s), and the disposition of each case.

SECTION III. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof by the Circuit Court, be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each offense or violation.

SECTION IV. If a section, part of a section, sentence clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions hereof shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall become effective on January 7th, 1961.